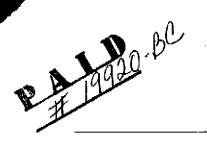
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN NORTHERN DIVISION

STEVEN WILSON,

Plaintiff,

File No. 06-

06-11035

VS.

HONORABLE

Judge David M. Lawson

THE ALLEN COMPANY, d/b/a
DANAHER BUSINESS SYSTEMS
a/k/a DANAHER CORPORATION
a/k/a DANAHER MOTION and
LINEAR MOTION, LLC, jointly and
severally as Defendants,

MAGISTRATE JUDGE CHARLES E. BINDER

Defendants.

MASTROMARCO & JAHN, P.C. VICTOR J. MASTROMARCO, JR. (P34564) Attorneys for Plaintiff 1024 N. Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 3197 Saginaw, Michigan 48605-3197 (989) 752-1414



There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence alleged in the present complaint, which has either been previously filed or dismissed.

COMPLAINT, DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL AND PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

NOW COMES, the above-entitled Plaintiff, STEVEN WILSON, by and through his attorneys, MASTROMARCO & JAHN, P.C., by VICTOR J.

MASTROMARCO, JR., and hereby Complains against the Defendants stating as follows:

COMMON ALLEGATIONS

1.

That at all times material hereto, Plaintiff is a resident of the County of Saginaw, State of Michigan.

2.

That at all times material hereto, Danaher and Linear Motion is a foreign corporation, with its principal place of business located in Colorado, but is doing business in Saginaw, Michigan, under the name of "Linear Motion, LLC."

3.

That Defendant Linear Motion, LLC, is a Michigan Corporation (upon information and belief).

4.

That the two Defendants above will be referred to collectively as "Danaher" for purposes of this Complaint.

5.

That the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$125,000.00, exclusive of all costs, interest and attorney fees.

That Plaintiff has filed a claim with the EEOC and has received a Right to Suc letter, See **EXHIBIT** #1 attached hereto.

7.

That Plaintiff began and was hired by the Defendant Danaher on or about February 18, 2002.

8.

That from that point forward, Plaintiff had always received satisfactory or above satisfactory work performance appraisals.

9.

That furthermore, Defendants did provide the Plaintiff with a promotion in February of 2005, and also received a bonus and a raise in salary in that month because of his performance.

10.

That Plaintiff was also given a detailed document which set forth the incentive compensation program that he was being included in, which was also a bonus, based on his performance and the performance of the plant.

11.

That furthermore, that Plaintiff was given the responsibility during the course of his employment and because of his good performance was given the duties of Supervision over 70% of the staff and the Defendant Danaher's Saginaw location.

That during the course of Plaintiff's employment with Danaher, the Plaintiff became aware of the fact that Danaher had purchased a plant in Saginaw, Michigan.

13.

That the plant that was purchased by Danaher was the former Thompson Ball and Screw Plant on Hamilton Street in Saginaw, Michigan.

14.

That because Plaintiff was originally from Saginaw, Michigan, he expressed an interest in any openings that might occur in the Saginaw location.

15.

That Plaintiff did accept and was hired for the position of "Manufacturing Technical Leader" on December 18, 2003, and came to the Saginaw location at that time where be began work.

16.

That during the course of Plaintiff's work at the Saginaw location, he always performed in a satisfactory or above satisfactory manner.

17.

That at the Saginaw location known as "Linear Motion" it employed approximately 140 employees.

18.

That Plaintiff was the only black Manager employed at this location.

That as such, Plaintiff was a member of a protected class.

20.

That on May 11, 2005, Plaintiff was called into the Plant Manager's office, and was told that he was going to be terminated for "performance reasons."

21.

That Defendants did not identify any alleged "performance reasons" and Plaintiff had never been placed on a Performance Improvement Plan (hereinafter referred to as PIP), as was the required policy.

22.

That subsequent thereto, Plaintiff was formally terminated on June 10, 2005, and was never provided a reason for his termination.

COUNT I - VIOLATIONS OF TITLE VII AND ELCRA

23.

Plaintiff incorporates by reference thereto, paragraphs 1 through 22 of his Common Allegations word for word and paragraph by paragraph.

24.

That Plaintiff was a member of a protected class by virtue of his race; the Plaintiff is African-American.

That Plaintiff's race was a factor in his treatment and ultimate termination which occurred on June 10, 2005, because Plaintiff was terminated without a cause, without a reason and the pretextural statements made by Defendant were never verified.

26.

That furthermore, and although Defendants did claim that Plaintiff's "performance" was at issue, they never provided the Plaintiff a Performance Improvement Plan, nor did they identify the areas of alleged deficiency. This would be a violation of Defendants' own written policies.

27.

That at all times material hereto Plaintiff was qualified to perform his position and was performing his duties in a satisfactory manner at the time of his termination.

28.

That similarly situated Caucasians were treated more favorably then the Plaintiff because of his race and subsequent to his termination, he was replaced by a Caucasian.

29.

That Defendant failed to comply with its procedural requirements in its treatment of the Plaintiff and eventual discharge of the Plaintiff.

That these adverse actions were taken because Plaintiff was African-American and his race was a motivating factor in his treatment and ultimate termination.

31.

That Defendants purported non-discriminatory reasons for Plaintiff's treatment and ultimate termination are all pretextural in nature.

32.

That the above-listed adverse employment actions were taken in violation of the ELCRA and Title VII.

33.

That as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff has suffered severe economic losses in the form of lost future pay, opportunities in a 401k Plan, healthcare, lost dental, lost vacation pay, lost sick pay, lost life insurance benefits, and other fringe benefits as well as interest on all said amounts in excess of \$125,000.00.

34.

That as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful actions, Plaintiff has sustained severe emotional distress in the form of mental anguish, humiliation, embarrassment, destruction of his lifestyle, emotional distress, as well as mental anguish in an amount of excess of \$125,000.00.

That the Plaintiff has likewise sustained attorney fees and costs.

36.

That Plaintiff is entitled to liquidate his damages under the Federal Statute.

COUNT II – BREACH OF IMPLIED IN FACT CONTRACT

37.

Plaintiff incorporates by reference thereto, paragraphs 1 through 22 of his Common Allegations and paragraphs 20 through 36 of Count I, word for word and paragraph by paragraph.

38.

That during the course of Plaintiff's employment with Defendant, Defendant had certain policies and procedures which required the Plaintiff, if in fact his performance was deficient, to be placed on a Performance Improvement Plan.

39.

That Plaintiff could not be discharged, unless the procedures were followed and unless good cause existed.

40.

That as of Plaintiff termination on June 10, 2005, Plaintiff had an employment contract with the Defendant, Danaher, which included, as referred to above, personnel policies, work rules and internal policies of HR, which formed an agreement that

Plaintiff would be treated in a certain manner, and would only be discharged once those procedures were followed, and only after good cause would be demonstrated for said termination, and only after Defendant provided Plaintiff with a progressive disciplinary procedure.

41.

That in point of fact, Defendant did terminate Plaintiff without cause and in violation of Defendants' PIP policy, and in violation of other policies and procedures and progressive discipline.

42.

That as noted above and throughout his employment with the Defendant, Plaintiff had an exemplary work record.

43.

That as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff has suffered severe economic losses in the form of lost future pay, opportunities in a 401k Plan, healthcare, lost dental, lost vacation pay, lost sick pay, lost life insurance benefits, and other fringe benefits as well as interest on all said amounts in excess of \$125,000.00.

44.

That as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful actions, Plaintiff has sustained severe emotional distress in the form of mental anguish, humiliation,

embarrassment, destruction of his lifestyle, emotional distress, as well as mental anguish in an amount of excess of \$125,000.00.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court enter judgment in his favor, in an amount in excess of One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand (\$125,000.00) Dollars to compensate him for all economic losses, all non-economic losses, and all attorney fees allowable under Statute.

Respectfully submitted,

MASTROMARCO & JAHN, P.C.

VICTOR J. MASTROMARCO, JR.(P34564)

Attorney for Plaintiff

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DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, STEVEN WILSON, by and through his attorneys, MASTROMARCO, & JAHN, P.C., and hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues in this cause of action unless expressly waived.

Respectfully submitted,

MASTROMAROD & JAHN, P.C.

Dated: $O \cdot \bigvee$ __, 2006

By:

VICTOR J. MÅSTROMARCO, JR.(P34564)

Attorney for Plaintiff

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DEMAND FOR PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, STEVEN WILSON, by and through his attorneys, MASTROMARCO, & JAHN, P.C., and hereby demands a Pre-Trial Conference pursuant to the Michigan Court Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

MASTROMARCO & JAHN, P.C.

Dated: () , 2006 By:

VICTOR J. MASTROMARCO, JR.(P34564)

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EEOC Form 161-Er(3/98)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE (ISSUED ON REQUEST)

| To: | Steven Wilson |
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| | 12158 Country Run Drive |
| | Birch Run, MI 48415 |

From: E

Detroit District Office

477 Michigan Avenue Room 865

Room 865 Detroit, MI 48226

| | On behalf of person(s) a CONFIDENTIAL (29 CF | aggrieved whose identity is R § 1601.7(a)) | | |
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| 230-2005 | -02543 | Lolita D. Davis, Enforcement Investigator | ua i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i | (313) 226-5277 |
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Enclosure with EEOC Form 161-B (3/98)

INFORMATION RELATED TO FILING SUIT UNDER THE LAWS ENFORCED BY THE EEOC

(This information relates to filing suit in Federal or State court <u>under Federal law.</u>
If you also plan to sue claiming violations of State law, please be aware that time limits and other provisions of State law may be shorter or more limited than those described below.)

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),

PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -

or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA):

In order to pursue this matter further, you must file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in the charge <u>within</u> <u>90 days</u> of the date you receive this Notice. Therefore, you should keep a record of this date. Once this 90-day period is over, your right to sue based on the charge referred to in this Notice will be lost. If you intend to consult an attorney, you should do so promptly. Give your attorney a copy of this Notice, and its envelope, and tell him or her the date you received it. Furthermore, in order to avoid any question that you did not act in a timely manner, it is prudent that your suit be filed within 90 days of the date this Notice was *mailed* to you (as indicated where the Notice is signed) or the date of the postmark, if later.

Your lawsuit may be filed in U.S. District Court or a State court of competent jurisdiction. (Usually, the appropriate State court is the general civil trial court.) Whether you file in Federal or State court is a matter for you to decide after talking to your attorney. Filing this Notice is not enough. You must file a "complaint" that contains a short statement of the facts of your case which shows that you are entitled to relief. Your suit may include any matter alleged in the charge or, to the extent permitted by court decisions, matters like or related to the matters alleged in the charge. Generally, suits are brought in the State where the alleged unlawful practice occurred, but in some cases can be brought where relevant employment records are kept, where the employment would have been, or where the respondent has its main office. If you have simple questions, you usually can get answers from the office of the clerk of the court where you are bringing suit, but do not expect that office to write your complaint or make legal strategy decisions for you.

PRIVATE SUIT RIGHTS -- Equal Pay Act (EPA):

EPA suits must be filed in court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the alleged EPA underpayment: backpay due for violations that occurred **more than 2 years (3 years)** before you file suit may not be collectible. For example, if you were underpaid under the EPA for work performed from 7/1/00 to 12/1/00, you should file suit before 7/1/02 -- not 12/1/02 -- in order to recover unpaid wages due for July 2000. This time limit for filing an EPA suit is separate from the 90-day filing period under Title VII, the ADA or the ADEA referred to above. Therefore, if you also plan to sue under Title VII, the ADA or the ADEA, in addition to suing on the EPA claim, suit must be filed within 90 days of this Notice and within the 2- or 3-year EPA backpay recovery period.

ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION -- Title VII and the ADA:

If you cannot afford or have been unable to obtain a lawyer to represent you, the U.S. District Court having jurisdiction in your case may, in limited circumstances, assist you in obtaining a lawyer. Requests for such assistance must be made to the U.S. District Court in the form and manner it requires (you should be prepared to explain in detail your efforts to retain an attorney). Requests should be made well before the end of the 90-day period mentioned above, because such requests do not relieve you of the requirement to bring suit within 90 days.

ATTORNEY REFERRAL AND EEOC Assistance -- All Statutes:

You may contact the EEOC representative shown on your Notice if you need help in finding a lawyer or if you have any questions about your legal rights, including advice on which U.S. District Court can hear your case. If you need to inspect or obtain a copy of information in EEOC's file on the charge, please request it promptly in writing and provide your charge number (as shown on your Notice). While EEOC destroys charge files after a certain time, all charge files are kept for at least 6 months after our last action on the case. Therefore, if you file suit and want to review the charge file, please make your review request within 6 months of this Notice. (Before filing suit, any request should be made within the next 90 days.)

IF YOU FILE SUIT, PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR COURT COMPLAINT TO THIS OFFICE.

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JS 44 11/99 CIVIL COVER SHEET COUNTY IN WHICH THIS ACTION AROSE: SAGINAW

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet.

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STEVEN WILSON

THE ALLEN COMPANY, d/b/a DANAHUR BUSINESS

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